Marketing of Fenibutazone etc. in the country

795. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fenilbutazone, Butadione, Phenylbutazonum and Oxyphebutazone are being marketed in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these cause stomach ulcers, Liver and Kidney damage;

(c) what are the diseases for which these drugs are used;

(d) whether it is a fact that safer drugs are available in the market for same symptoms; and

(e) if so, the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The drugs Oxyphenbutazone|Phenylbutazone like other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, could cause gastric irritation leading to bleeding and ulcers as side effects.

(c) The drugs are used for musculoskeletal-disorders such as Gouty Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis.

(d) and (e) The other drugs, namely Aspirin, Piroxicam, Diclofenac Sodium, Ketoprofen, Flurbiprofen indicated for the musculo skeletal disorders, available in the market, also are not free from the gastric side effects.

Import of Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate etc.

796. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total import of Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate, Lynoestrenol, Tolnafate and Isopropyl Antipyrine during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the names of importers, quantity imported by each during each year;

(c) what was the source of each import and CIF price of each import;

(d) the names of three leading brands of each drug being marketed in the country; and

(e) what is the disease for which each is used and what are the side effects of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Information available with this Ministry for the last three years is given a Statement I. (*See below*)

(d) and (e) Names of popular brands along with diseases for which they are used and their side-effects are given at Statement II.

Statement-I

Parts (A) to (C) :

Name of the Product	1985-86		1986-87		1987-88	
	Qtv. in Kgs.	CIF v lue in Rs.	Q'y. in Kgs.	CIF V lue in Rs.	Qtv. in Kgs.	CIF v.lue in Rs.
1. Hydrox/progesterone caproate	3	17,170	13	91,643	42	3,0 ,561
2. Lyn e trenol	80	34,82,873	70	41,38,502	56 5	28,53,617
3. Toln ft te	595	59,56,695	918	122,72,792	1,035	123 65,517
4. Isopropyl/Antipyrin (Prophphenozone)	69,000	74,68,447	5600	7,28,612	Nil.	

Statement-II

Name of the drug	Name of the Popular Brand	Diseases for which used	Side effects
1. Hydroxyprogesterone	Prolution Depot	Recurrent and threatened abortion, Primary and Secondary amenorrhea.	Virilisation of the Fetus, Acne, Odema Weight gain, Headache, depression etc.
2. Lynoestrenol	Orgalutin Orgametril Sintemetin	Selected cases of Amenorrhoes, Disfunctional Urine bleeding Dysmenorrhoea, Delay in Manuaration.	Do.
3. Tolnaftate	Tinaderm Tolnaderm Tenacidal	Tinea infections and athletic foot.	Skin reactions including irritation, Dermatitis and Pruritus.
4. Isopropyl Antipyrin	Saridon	Headache	..

Fatal blood disease caused by drugs

797. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metamiuazol, Methampyrone, Analgin causes agranulocytosis which is a fatal blood disease;

(b) what are the names of five major brands being marketed in the country based on these drugs;

(c) what is the symptoms for which these drugs are used;

(d) whether any substitute drugs are available in the market which are safer;

(e) if so, the names of those drugs; and

(f) the names of the countries where these drugs have been withdrawn for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The reported excess risk of agranulocytosis (lower count of WBG) due to Analgin (Synonmys Metamizol/ Dipyrone) and some other pain killers range from 0.2 to 1.1 per million.

(b) The popular 5 brands of Analgin formulation used as a pain killer are Novalgin (M/s. Hoechst, Promalgin (M/s. Uniloids), Sedyn-A-Forte (M/s. M.M. Labs) Ultragin (M/s. Geoffrey Manners) and Zimalgin (M/s. Rallis).

(c) These drugs are used to relieve mild to moderate pain.

(d) Other drugs available in the market and used for relief of pain have their own characteristic side effects.

(e) Names of other drugs used for relief of pain are Asprin Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Narcotic pain killers used for relief of severe pain include Morphine, Pethidine and Pentazocine.

(f) While Analgin continues to be marketed in may countries, it is reported to the withdrawn in Australia, Canada, Sweden, USA, Denmark, Jordan, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Norway, Greece, Bangladesh as per information available with us.